

FREE FIENDISH FINGER

IT'S WELL SCARY

31/98 17th February 1998

Buster

£1.10

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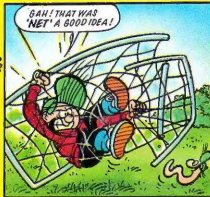
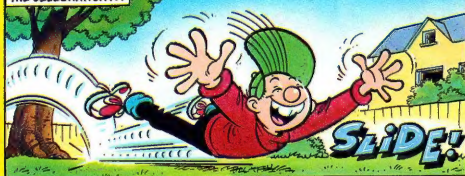


**POINT IT AT
YOUR PALS**

(and watch 'em jump)



THE CELEBRATION...



CE Not suitable for children
under 36 months.

Gift not available to readers overseas



Beware of a Monster Offer

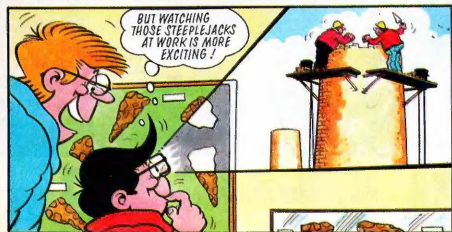
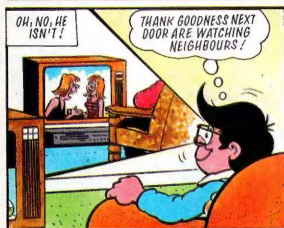
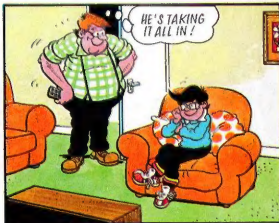
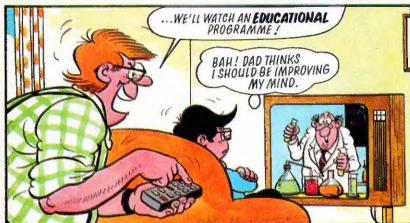
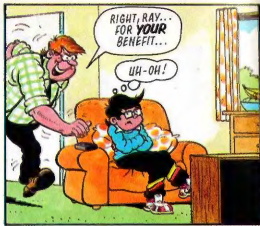


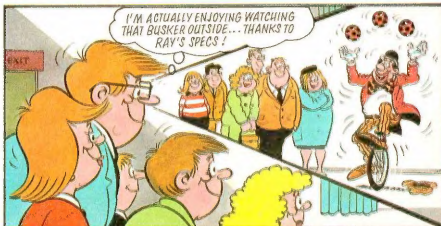
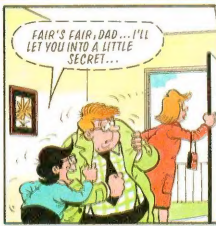
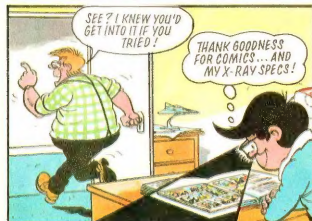
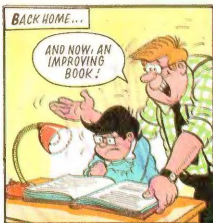
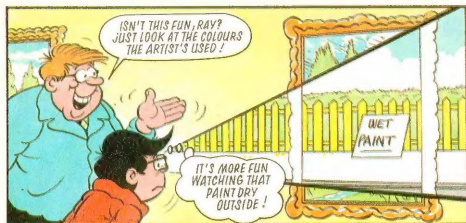
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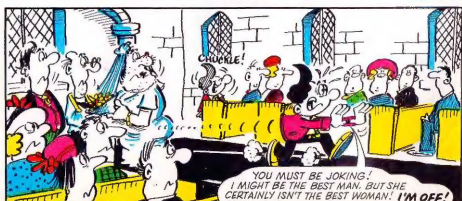
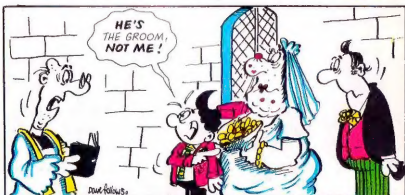
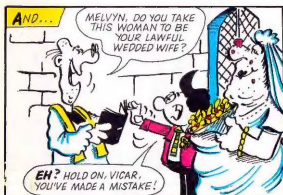
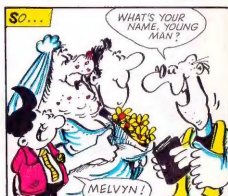
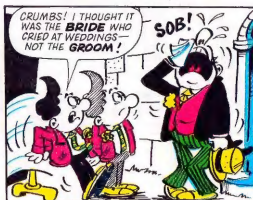
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Melvyn's MIRROR



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THE NEXT HILARIOUS ISSUE OF

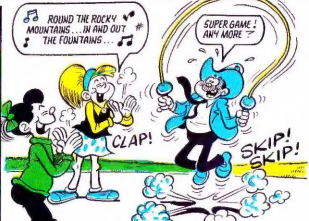
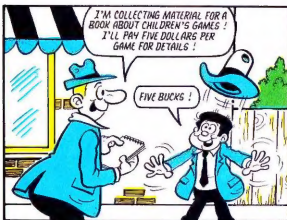
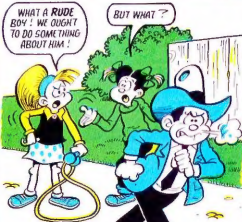
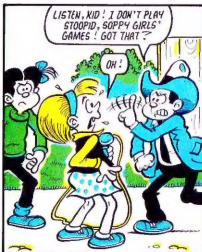
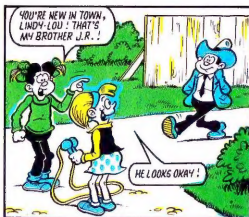
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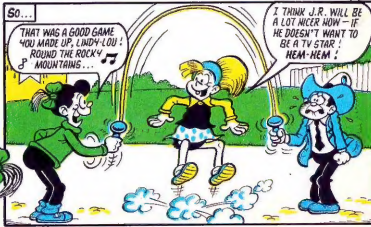
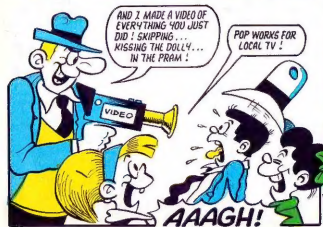
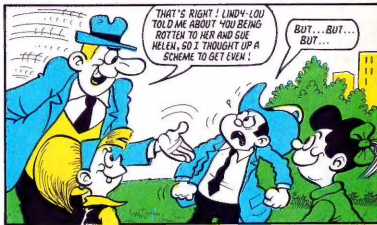
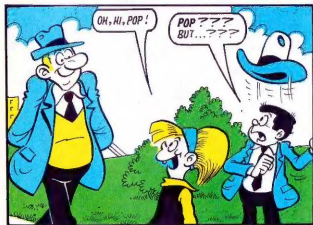
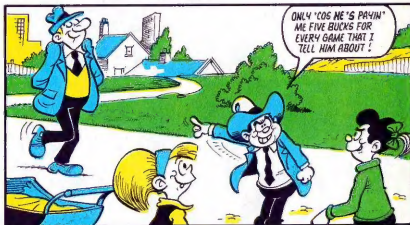
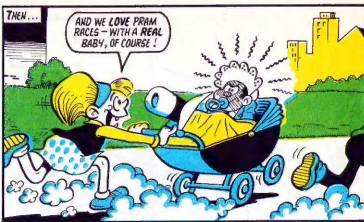
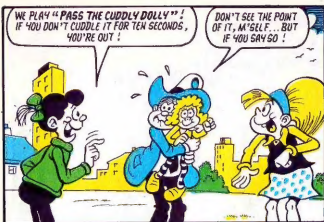
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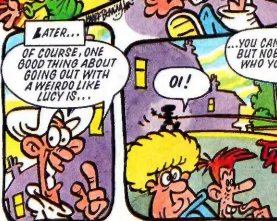
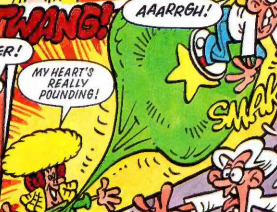
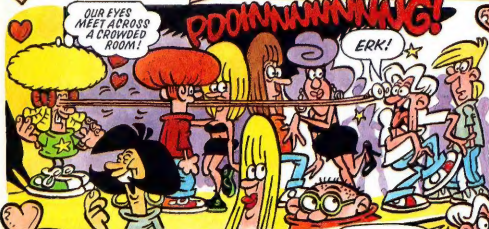
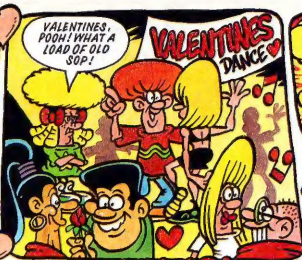
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Junior Detective

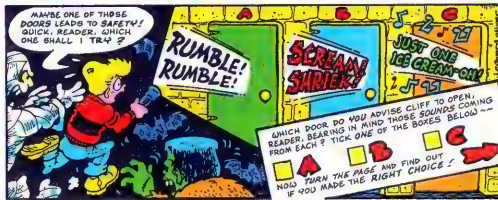
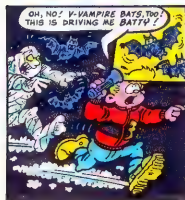
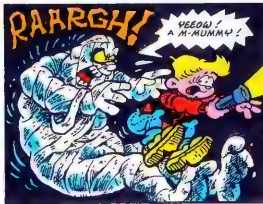
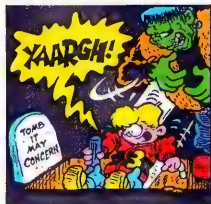
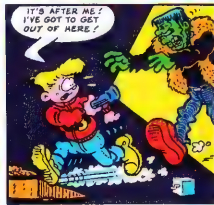
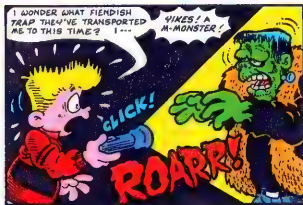
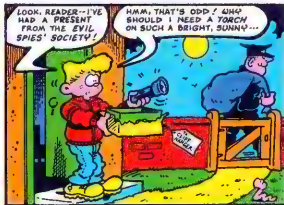




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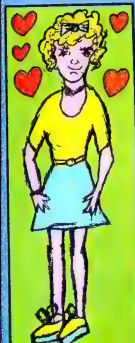


Continuing our series of the early adventures of CLIFF HANGER, this was originally the THIRD episode, first published on 9th. July, 1983. At that time, Buster cost just 18p, but only 5 pages were in colour... in fact, Cliff Hanger always appeared in black and white! As well as today's favourites such as Chalky and X-Ray Specs, that issue of BUSTER also featured the adventure strip "March of the Mighty Ones", and there was a cut-out LEOPARD MAN mask!



B-MAIL

£2.00 FOR EACH WINNER



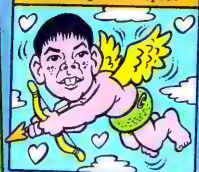
Dear Buster,
I have drawn you a girl
friend for Valentine's
day. Her name is
Augusta.
Dawn Brooks, Bexleyheath.



NIKKI LOWE, BURNHAM, BUCKS.

KARTOON KORNERS

Dear Buster,
Please cartoon me because
my friend was cartooned in
your comic and he is still
boasting about it!
JOHN MOONEY, MORDEN.
.. Because this is our
Valentine Special, we've
cartooned you as Cupid!



I ♥
Buster

Dear Buster,
would you please print
my computer drawing in your
Valentine issue.
I love your comic and
never miss a copy.
Daryl Muller,
Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

Dear Buster,
I'd like to say Happy Valentine's Day to
all the pen pals that I got from Buster Comic:
Kirstie Marie Darragh and John Clark from
Kent, Sophie Giles and Matthew & Luke Aldridge
from Essex, Kirsty Rankin and Nicky Trup from
London, Amy Douglas from Cambridge, Ricky
O'Brien from Surrey, Benjamin Tinarwo from
South Africa, Rhiannon Smith from Suffolk,
Andrew Clarkson from Leeds, Frances Lee from
Derbyshire, Mark Brailsford from Nottingham,
Mark Grainger from Sussex, Laura Short from
Devon, Michael Marigliano, Janet and Elaine
Grey, Danielle Kelly and Deirdre Lynch from
Ireland and Lia Edwards from Wales.
I'd also like to say Thank You to my Mum for
buying me all the stamps I need to post my
letters! Thanks, Mum (I love you)!
If there's anyone out there who'd like to a
pen pal, please write to me. I will reply to
all letters. My hobbies are writing, reading,
football, computers, writing poems, riding my
bike and playing with my Action Men.
SIMON JOHN LEES, 23 RENFREW STREET,
CHADDSDEN, DERBY DE21 6GB.
...Happy to pass on your Valentine wishes,
Simon! I'm pleased you've made so many pals
through the pages of Buster!

CLIFF HANGER

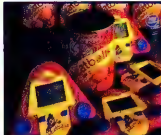
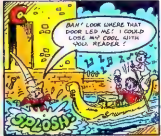
WHAT ADVICE DID YOU GIVE?

BUSTER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 FEB: Laura Louise White (age 4),
Ingoldmells, Skegness, Lincolnshire.
- 15 FEB: Laurie Builes (age 11),
Chadsmoor, Cannock, Staffordshire.
- 17 FEB: Peter Yates (age 14),
Greenford, Middlesex.
- 17 FEB: Dawn Brooks (age 7),
Bexleyheath, Kent.

PLEASE FILL IN AND SEND THIS COUPON
WHENEVER YOU WRITE TO BUSTER.

MY TOP 3 BUSTER STRIPS:
1
2
3
MY LEAST FAVE STRIP:
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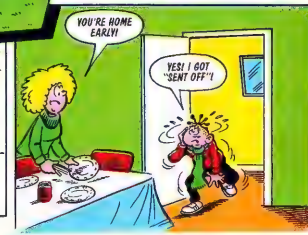
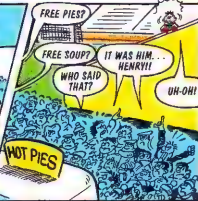
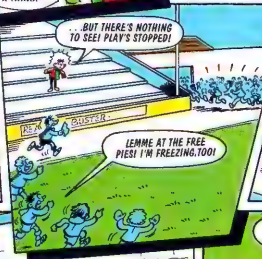
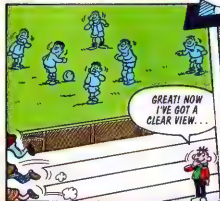
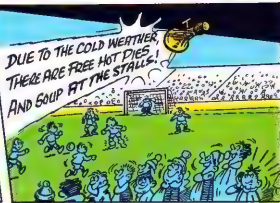
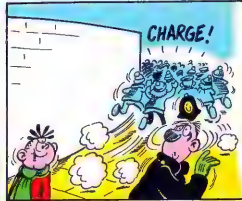
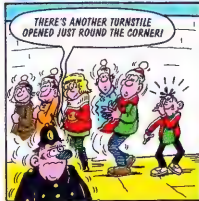


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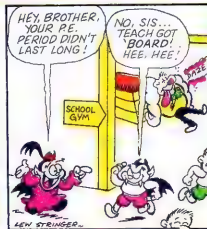
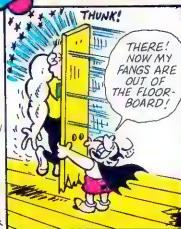
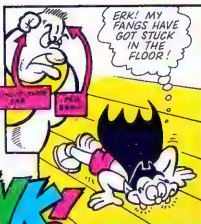
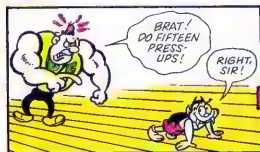
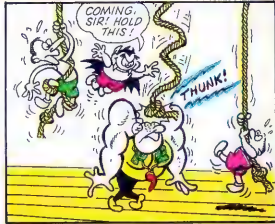
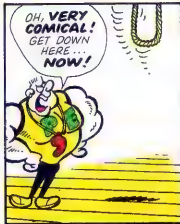
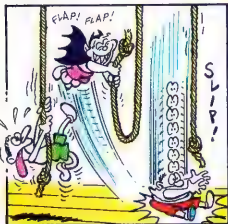
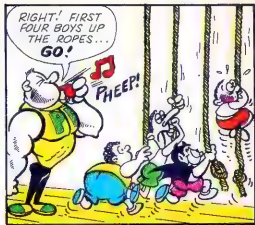
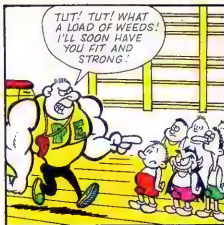
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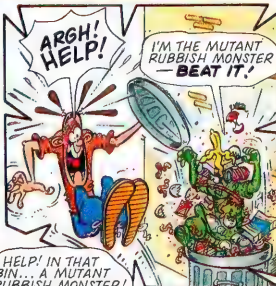
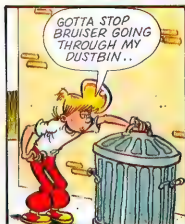
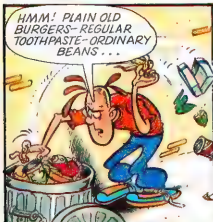
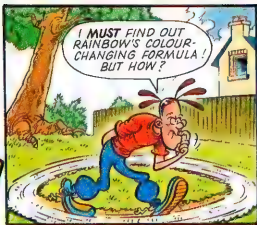
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MEATBALLS and HOT DOGGERS, every reader with
an item included in this issue's b-mail will receive an
ace hand-held electronic LCD Meatballs game,
in addition to the regular £20 pocket-money prize!

MIGHTY MOUTH



The Vampire Brats





THE CRAZIEST CHARACTERS ARE ALWAYS IN BUSTER COMIC!

CAPTAIN CRUCIAL

THE COOL CRUSADER!

YO! DUDE!

HE'S GOT SUPERPOSEUR POWERS...

SUPERCOOL REACTIONS...

...AND A SUPERMARKET TROLLEY... HA?

...SUPER-FUNKY FINGER FORCE...

POWBOOM!

HEY! EVEN A SUPERHERO'S GOTTA EAT, Y'KNOW!

BUT, ALL OF A SUPER-SUDDEN...

WHAT THE? I'VE HAD ONE OF ASTEROID BELTS BUT...

SCREEEE!

WHEEL! WHEEL!

WANKLE!

...THEY MUST BE FROM THOSE TROUSERS?

DISTRESS FLARES!?

HELP!

SOMETHING'S UP! LET'S GET A READ-OUT ON MY SCANNER SHADES!

BUZZ!

GASPING GHETTOBLASTERS! EARTH - THE WHOLE PLANETS TURNING SQUARE!

EAT YOUR HEART OUT X-RAY SPECS...

POWBOOM!

THIS NEEDS CHECKING OUT!

NAFF CITY! WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE LOOK LIKE!

BORING DRIVEL!

HIDEOUT UNLOCK!

POW!

YEEH! EVERYTHING'S SERIOUSLY OUT OF DATE HERE!

CLONK! CLONK!

CACKLE! I'VE STOLEN THE PLANET'S STYLE!

NAFFMAN! YOU FASHION-FOULING FIEND!

CALLUMPH!

TRY MY NAFF-RAY FOR SIZE - YOU OVER-GROWN GROOVER!

HAH! MY COOL GUPE CAN ABSORB IT!

PHAAAZ!

RUMBLE! CLANK!

DRAT! GET HIM V-NECK!

GREAT GROTTY GROOVYLESS GARMENTS! A KARATE *KARDIGAN?

*DELIBERATE MIS-SPELLING JUST TO GET IN THAT GAG!

ERK! I'M SURROUNDED!

TAT-TA YOU KNIT-TITTER!

WURWEE!

NNK! C-CAN'T USE MY FUNKY FINGER FORCE!

TO THE NAFF-MOBILE HA-KRAASH!

WRAP!

SQUARM!

BUT THERE'S STILL MY TRUSTY TRENDY TOE THRUST!

POW!

POW!

POW!

YO, CAPTAIN! YOU SAVED OUR STYLE! HOW DID YOU STOP NAFFMAN ESCAPING?

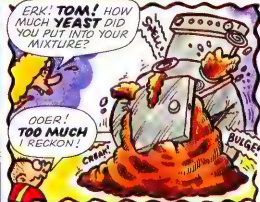
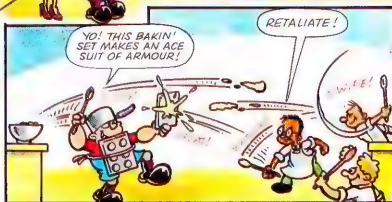
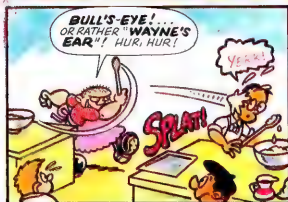
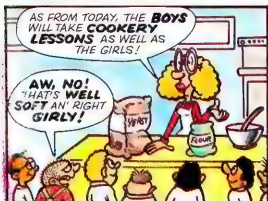
SIMPLE!

I MADE HIM INCREDIBLY HIP!

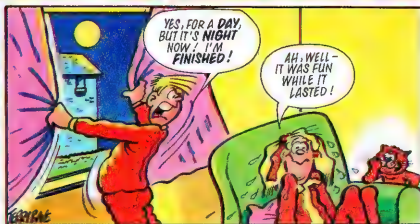
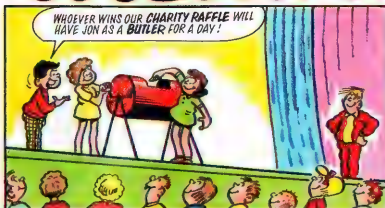
GAAGH! I'M STUCK!

WEDGE!

Tom Thug's Skooldayz



DOUBLE TROUBLE

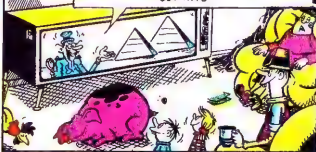


The BUMPKIN BILLIONAIRES



THE BUMPKINS ARE WATCHING A PROGRAMME ABOUT ANCIENT EGYPT...

... ANOTHER USE FOR THE PYRAMIDS WAS TO STORE AWAY VALUABLES BECAUSE ONCE BUILT, THEY WERE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET INTO!



HEY! DID 'EE ALL HEAR THAT? **THAT** BE WHAT WE'LL DO WITH ALL OUR MONEY. LOIKE - PUT IT IN A PYRAMID!



AND SO... **MUSEUM!**

ONCE ALL OUR MONEY BE INSIDE, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET IT OUT AGAIN! HEE, HEE!

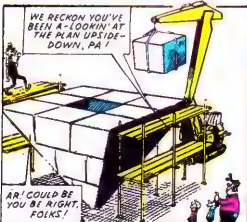
PA'S COPIED AN ANCIENT PYRAMID PLAN!



HERE, PA! I DON'T MEAN TO CRITICISE, LOIKE...

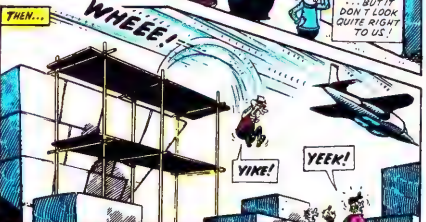


... BUT IT DON'T LOOK QUITE RIGHT TO US!



WE RECKON YOU'VE BEEN A-LOOKIN' AT THE PLAN UPSIDE-DOWN, PA!

AR! COULD BE YOU BE RIGHT, FOLKS!



THEN...

WHEE!

YIKE!

YEEK!

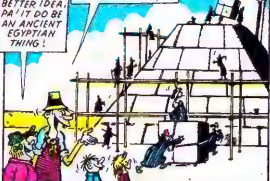


ROTTEN SKY-HOG! WATCH WHERE 'EE BE A-FLYING!

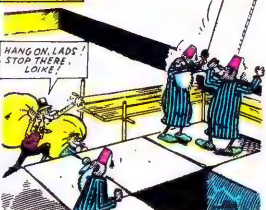
LATER...

THIS BE A BETTER IDEA, PA! IT DO BE AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN THING!

SO WE HIRED SOME ANCIENT EGYPTIANS TO BUILD IT!

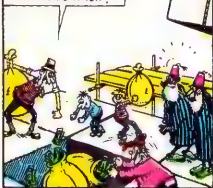


EVENTUALLY...



HANG ON, LADS! STOP THERE, LOIKE!

WE WANT TO PUT OUR MONEY IN BEFORE 'EE GOES ANY FURTHER!



THEN...

THAT BE IT, FINISHED! WAHOO!



OUR FORTUNE BE SHUT AWAY FOREVER!

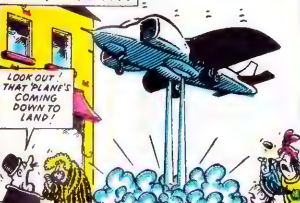


NOW THAT WE CAN'T GET AT OUR FORTUNE ANY LONGER, WE BE BROKE!



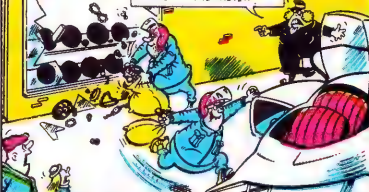
POOR, AT LAST!

NEARBY, IN THE CITY...



LOOK OUT! THAT PLANE'S COMING DOWN TO LAND!

O! YOU HAVEN'T PUT ANY MONEY IN THE METER!



THE ROBBERY WORKED A TREAT, BERT!

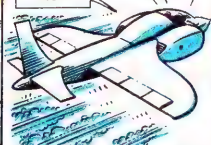


ROAR!

YEAH! NOW FOR THE FASTEST GETAWAY EVER!

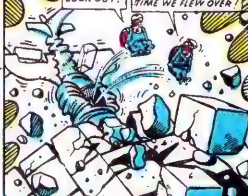
STEALING THIS VERTICAL TAKE-OFF PLANE FOR THE ROBBERY WAS A BRILLIANT IDEA!

YEAH! NOW WE JUST FOLLOW THE ESCAPE ROUTE EXACTLY AS WE REHEARDED IT THE OTHER DAY!



YERK! LOOK OUT!

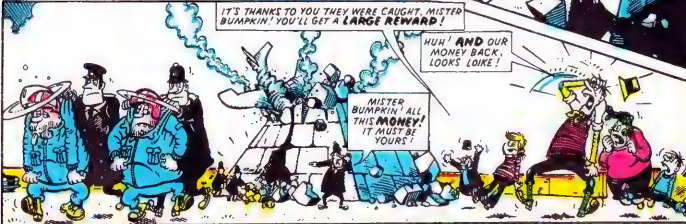
AAAAARGH! THIS WASN'T HERE LAST TIME WE FLEW OVER!



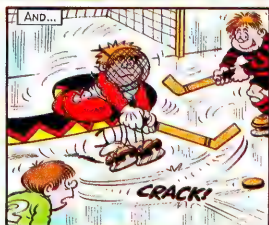
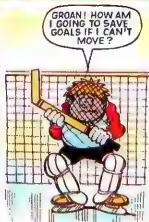
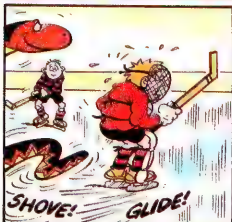
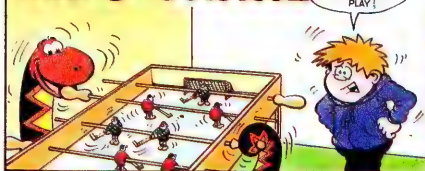
IT'S THANKS TO YOU THEY WERE CAUGHT, MISTER BUMPKIN! YOU'LL GET A LARGE REWARD!

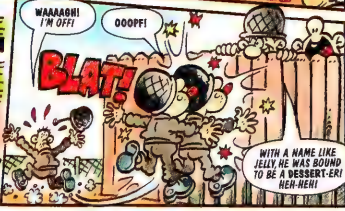
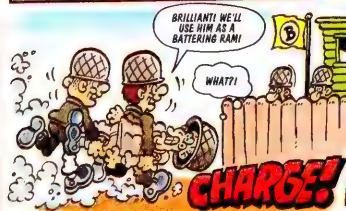
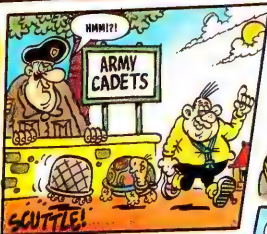
HUH! AND OUR MONEY BACK, LOOKS LOIKE!

MISTER BUMPKIN! ALL THIS MONEY! IT MUST BE YOURS!



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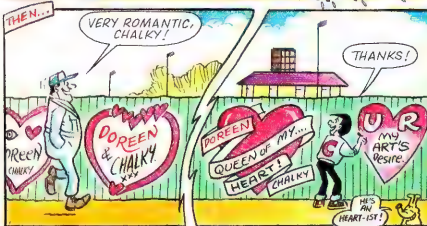
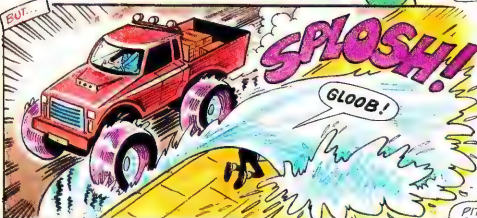
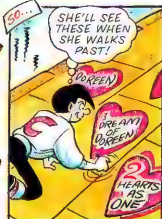
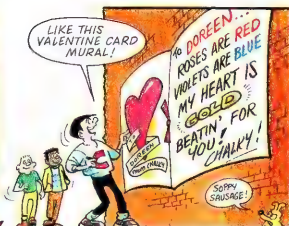
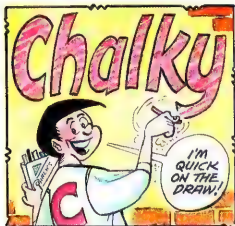


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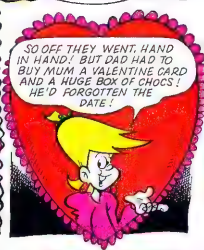
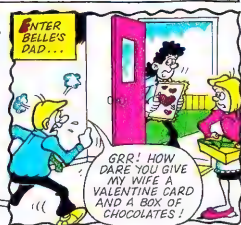
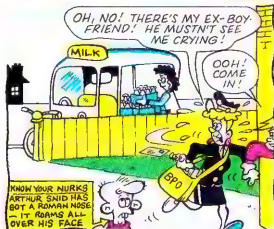
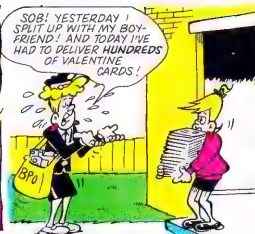


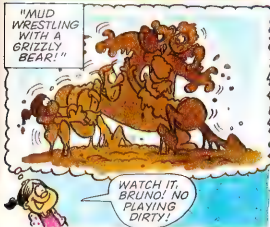
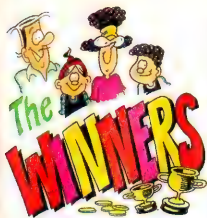
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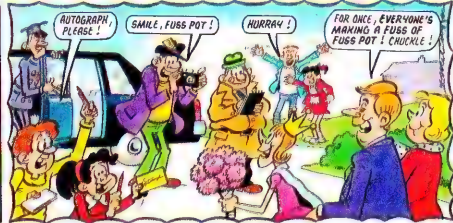
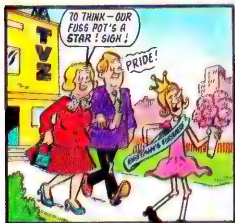
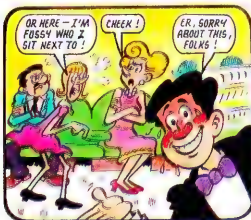
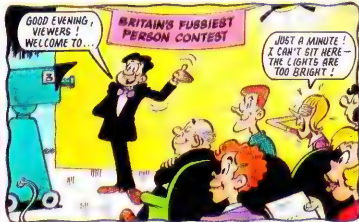
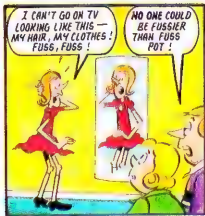
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ARE YOU A WALLY?

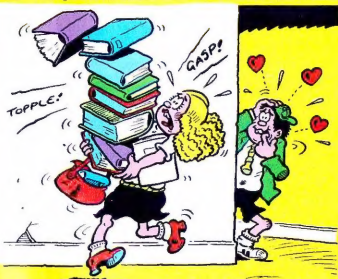
To find out answer each question, tick the appropriate box, then check your score.

- 1** YOU ARE TOLD OFF FOR LOW HOME-WORK MARKS. DO YOU ...
- A. Offer no excuses? ☐
- B. Say you had to rush them before your favourite telly programme started? ☐
- C. Say it wasn't your fault, since you'd copied your homework off a pal? ☐
- 2** YOU'RE HALFWAY ROUND THE CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE AND FEELING TIRED. DO YOU ...
- A. Turn round and run back to the start? ☐
- B. Press on regardless? ☐
- C. Try to take a short-cut and risk getting lost? ☐
- 3** THE SCHOOL DECIDES TO GIVE A PRESENT TO A DINNER-LADY. DO YOU SUGGEST ...
- A. A "How-to-Cook" book? ☐
- B. A gift token, so she can choose something for herself? ☐
- C. A pair of rubber gloves for when she does the washing up? ☐
- 4** A PRETTY GIRL IN YOUR CLASS (WHO YOU RATHER FANCY) STAGGERS ALONG CARRYING A PILE OF BOOKS! DO YOU ...
- A. Ask if you can lighten her load — and borrow one book? ☐
- B. Give another kid a sweet to carry her books, so you can walk with her? ☐
- C. Carry her books — strain your back — and miss taking her to the disco? ☐

- 5** THE CLASS JOKER PUTS A STINK-BOMB UNDER TEACH'S CUSHION! DO YOU ...
- A. Sit as far away from Teach's desk as possible with a peg on your nose? ☐
- B. Sit on Teach's chair to make sure the trick works? ☐
- C. Keep a straight face? ☐



- 6** THE CLASS TRENDY ASKS YOU WHAT YOU THINK OF CALVIN KLEIN. DO YOU...
- A. Ask someone else's opinion, then agree with them? ☐
- B. Give an honest opinion? ☐
- C. Say you've never heard of him — then ask which football team he plays for! ☐

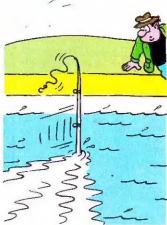
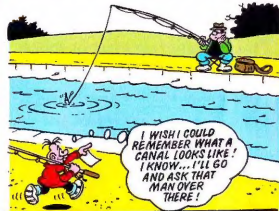
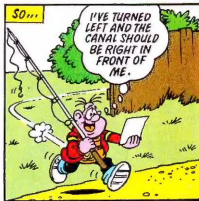
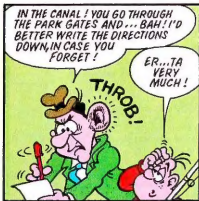
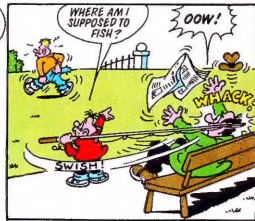
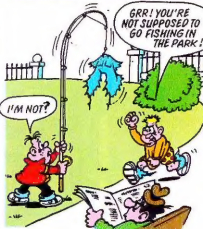
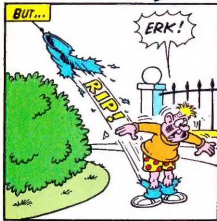
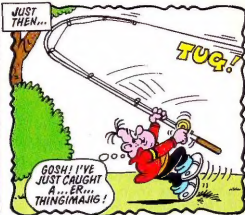


16-30 Excuse us for giggling! You are always putting your foot in it, saying the wrong things. Making people fall about laughing! If you're a boy, your name probably is WALLY!	6-15 Average! Ever looked yourself out? Got up on Saturday and dressed for school? Pushed at a shop door when it clearly said 'Pull'? Just a few of the things do. that near-walls do.	0-5 Relax! You are not a wally! — in actual fact, you are so superior, you are probably feel every-one else in the world is a wally!
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1. A-0, B-3, C-5
2. A-5, B-0, C-3
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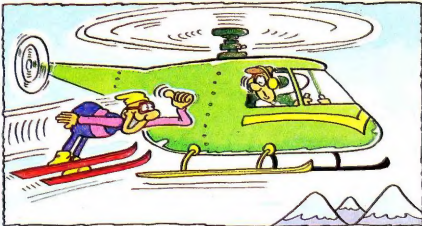
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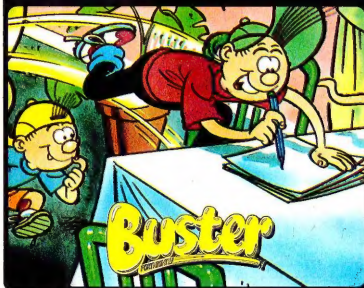
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